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# NEWSLETTER

**Library Closed:**

**Friday, April 18th**

**Friday, May 2nd**

**Monday, May 26th**

**MARCH-MAY 2025**

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Hello, and let me be one of the first to wish you a happy spring! *Disclaimer: at the time of this writing, it doesn't look particularly spring-ish, but I'm hoping that has changed by the time you read this!* As we welcome warmer weather, remember that reading can be as fun outdoors as it can be inside on a cold day.

We continue to make progress on our grant project; we received the final contract recently and are well into the design stage with our construction firm. We're not quite ready to share anything yet, but we will soon, and we think you'll love it. A big thanks to all of you for helping our design decisions by filling out the recent survey...your feedback was very valuable.

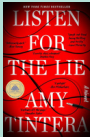
As things warm up here at the library, we're busy preparing for another big summer reading program, including unveiling this year's Big Read title. We're going to have many programs that tie into the title, and I think you'll be surprised when we finally reveal it. As always, there will be lots of prizes, so get ready to do some reading!

On behalf of the library, I hope you all have a wonderful, warm spring. As always, please let me know how we're doing, and if you have any suggestions for programs and services at your library.

# BOOK CLUBS

## PAGE TURNERS EVENING BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm



### Wednesday, March 5th: *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera

What if you thought you murdered your best friend? And if everyone else thought so too? And what if the truth doesn't matter?



### Wednesday, April 2nd: *The Girls We Sent Away* by Meagan Church

Powerful and affecting, *The Girls We Sent Away* is a timely novel that explores autonomy, belonging, and a quest for agency when the illusions of life-as-you-know-it fall away.

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm



### Tuesday, March 18th: *The Connellys of County Down* by Tracey Lange

*The Connellys of County Down* is a moving novel about testing the bounds of love and loyalty. It explores the possibility of beginning our lives anew, and reveals the pitfalls of shielding each other from the bitter truth.

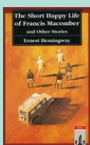


### Tuesday, April 15th: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

*The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.

## THE SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm at Station 20 Pub



### Tuesday, March 25th: *The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber* by Ernest Hemingway

A couple on safari in Africa face disappointment, betrayal, and ultimately fear.



### Tuesday, April 22nd: *The Toybee Convector* by Ray Bradbury

It is the year 2100 and a reporter named Roger Shumway is flying to an interview with a notoriously reclusive 130-year-old man named Craig Stiles.

# ADULT PROGRAMS



## MEDITATION WITH MELANIE

**Every Wednesday at Noon in the Friends Room**

Meditation can help with stress reduction, self-awareness, patience, and inner peace among many other benefits. All are welcome whether you are new to meditation and want to find out more or already have a practice.

## MAKING THE JOURNEY WITH OLD WORLD WISCONSIN

**Thursday, March 6th at 6 PM**

Enjoy a presentation from Old World Wisconsin, where you will have a chance to explore history and discuss immigrant's experiences coming to Wisconsin!



## MATINEES AT MATHESON: FANTASIA (1940)

**Friday, March 7th at 1 PM**

Enjoy the classic Disney animated movie *Fantasia* with popcorn, candy, and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!

## VA S.A.V.E TRAINING

**Wednesday, March 12th at 6 PM**

VA S.A.V.E training is a training program that assists caregivers to act with care and compassion if encountering a Veteran or other person who is suicidal.



## HAIKU CONTEST

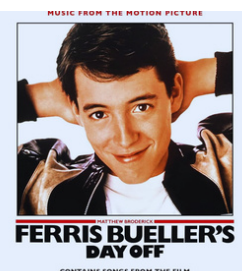
**Monday, April 1st through Wednesday, April 30th**

Through the month of April, submit your own original haiku for National Poetry Month! Ask at the information desk or check the library website for more details.

## MATINEES AT MATHESON: FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (1986)

**Friday, April 4th at 1 PM**

Enjoy the John Hughes comedy *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* with popcorn, candy, and soda provided by the Friends of the Library!



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## THIRD ANNUAL FRIENDS' PUZZLE COMPETITION

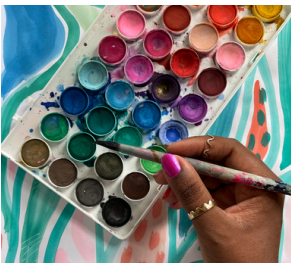
**Saturday, April 5th at 10 AM**

Teams of 2-4 puzzlers will race to complete a puzzle! \$20 per team is due at the door, and only 13 teams can participate, so sign up early by calling 262-723-2678 or by visiting the information desk. Registration opens on March 10th.

## POETRY READING WITH JAMES HAMILTON

**Thursday, April 10th at 6 PM**

Celebrate Poetry Month with a powerful poetry reading from six-time internationally published Wisconsin author James Hamilton!



## PAINT-IN AT THE LIBRARY

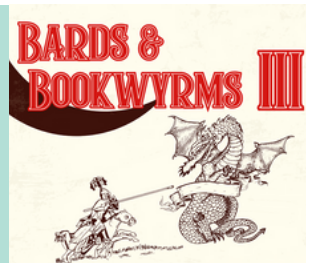
**Monday, April 21st at 10 AM & Thursday, April 24th at 6 PM**

Enjoy a relaxing painting session at the library! Due to limited space, please register for one class only. Registration begins Monday, April 7th. Call the library at 262-723-2678 or visit the information desk to register.

## BARDS & BOOKWYRMS III

**Sunday, May 18th starting at 1 PM at Horticultural Hall in Lake Geneva**

Celebrate Lake Geneva's legacy with our annual Dungeons & Dragons convention in collaboration with Lake Geneva Public Library! Enjoy games, snacks, and a magic show, as well as a raffle for gaming prizes!



## AUTHOR VISIT: MICHAEL T. SULLIVAN

**Thursday, May 22nd at 6 PM**

Join author Michael T. Sullivan for a discussion of his non-fiction historical work *The Congdon Brothers and Significant Others*. Copies of his book will be available for sale.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Friday, May 30th at 1 PM**

Join the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for an exciting and informative presentation about the history of the DAR and its ties to the American Revolution!



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

**Mar. 14, Apr. 23, May 16 at 4 PM**

Join TAB and make a difference in YOUR library! TAB members participate in planning and running programs, fundraisers, and more for teens at the library.

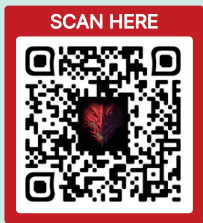


## YOUTH DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Wednesday from 6-7:30 PM:** Mar. 19 & Apr. 2

School-age kids and teens are invited to participate in Dungeons and Dragons. To reserve a place in the game, players must register by the deadline on the form.

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## TEEN HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

**Monday from 10-11 AM:** Mar. 31 & Apr. 28

Homeschooled students in middle and high school are invited for their own hangout at the library. Bring an art or craft project to work on or use our supplies to make something while chatting about books and connecting with other teens.



## YOUTH SEWING WORKSHOP: QUILTS

**Thursday, Apr. 10 from 3-5 PM**

School-age kids and teens are invited to register to make their own quilt. Basic sewing machine skills and the use of an iron are required for this project.



Space is limited and registration is required. Please register on our online calendar or by calling 262-723-2678

# KIDS EVENTS

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## PAWS TO READ

**Mondays at 4:15 PM:** Mar. 3, 10, 17, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, & 19  
Families are welcome to interact and play, listen to stories, and read to the furry friends visiting us from the shelter. Live animals will be present and confined to the Storyroom. This program is sponsored by the Lakeland Animal Shelter.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

**Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM:**

Mar. 4, 11, 25, Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, & 13

**Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM:**

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, & 15

Children of all ages are invited to join Miss Esther for songs, stories, and more!



## POKEMON HANGOUT

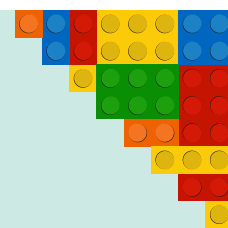
**Tuesdays from 4-5 PM:** Mar. 4, 18, Apr. 8, & 22

Kids are invited to hang out in the Storyroom for an hour of Pokemon fun. Crafts, games, and cards will be available. Kids are welcome to bring their own cards to play or share, but staff cannot supervise trading.

## CONSTRUCTION HANGOUT

**Tuesdays from 4-5 PM:** Mar. 11, 25, Apr. 15, & 29

Kids are invited to hang out in the Storyroom for an hour of building fun. Magnetic blocks, Lego, Magnatiles, and more will be available.



## HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

**Wednesdays from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM:** Mar. 12, 26, Apr. 9, & 23

Families with homeschooled children of all ages are invited to drop in at the library for socializing, activities, crafts, and new books!

# KIDS EVENTS

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## VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, Mar. 18 from 9:30-11:30 AM**

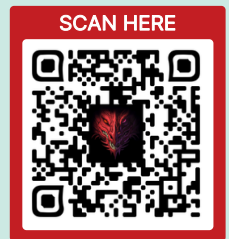
Join us for crafts, stories, and more celebrating our Read and Grow participants and our favorite voracious caterpillar!

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## ITTY-BITTY BOPPIN' BAKERS

**Monday, Mar. 31 from 10-11 AM**

Come wiggle and bop to the music with Miss Esther. Catch your breath with a story, then join our special guest chefs from Seeds of Hope to cook up something special for your tummy!



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# Notes from the Friends of the Library

*The Luck of the Irish* to you from the Friends of Matheson Memorial Library (FMML).

## **Events for March**

- Book and Bake Sale on March 27-29 with a Thursday afternoon preview for the FMML only.
- Author visit by a local Wisconsin travel writer on Friday March 28th at 6:00 PM.

## **Events for April**

- The next Puzzle Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th from 10 AM until noon.
- An Antique Appraisal is scheduled for April 26th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Registration is required to have your antiques appraised so plan in advance by deciding what items you wish to bring. There will be a fee for each item that you bring.
- The New Book Donation Policy goes into effect with the first collection on April 19th from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Community Center. Please consider coming to help decide what books to add to the bookstore.
- The regular meeting is scheduled for April 23rd in the Community Center at 6:30 PM. Please consider putting your name up for an officer position (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, which are each for a 1 year term and Board Member for a 3 year term) for the FMML. Voting will take place at the meeting. Also, please come to discuss events for the summer.

## **Future Events**

- Brat Huts are scheduled for Saturday July 19th and Sunday August 17th. Please consider working one of these days to support the FMML.
- A Tea Tasting event is still in the planning stages.